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ABSTRACT of ſeveral Acts of Parliament, now in Force, which were made for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted or concerned in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company to be erected.

BY the following Acts of Parliament now in Force, and which were made, for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted, or concerned, in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company, to be erected; it is enacted as follows, *viz.*

5*th Geo.* I. *Cap.* 21.] By an Act paſſed in the 5th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects, except thoſe Licenſed by the Eaſt-India Company, are prohibited from going to the Eaſt-Indies. — And to the End ſuch Offenders may be brought to Juſtice, the Eaſt-India Company are empowered to arreſt, and ſeize, ſuch Offenders in the Eaſt-Indies, and to ſend them to England, there to anſwer for the ſaid Offence; And every Britiſh Subject, who ſhall procure, ſollicit for, obtain, or act under, any Commiſſion, Authority, or Paſs, from any Foreign Prince, or State, to ſail, or go, or trade, in, or to the Eaſt-Indies, incurs, and forfeits, for every ſuch Offence, 500*l.*

7*th Geo.* I. *Cap.* 21.] By another Act paſſed in the 7th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, every Subject of His Majeſty, who ſhall go to, or ſhall Trade, or Adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, (contrary to the Laws in being,) and ſhall be convicted thereof, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, is to pay, and ſuffer ſuch Fine, and Impriſonment, as the Court ſhall think fit.

And all the Goods, and Merchandize, that ſhall be bartered or traffick'd for, in the Eaſt-Indies or purchaſed thereby by any ſuch Offenders, or that ſhall be found in his Cuſtody, or in the Cuſtody of any other Perſon, by his Order, or Procurement, are declared to be forfeited, with double the Value thereof.

9*th Geo.* I. *Cap.* 26.] By an Act paſſed in the 9th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects are prohibited from ſubſcribing, contributing to, encouraging, or promoting, the raiſing, eſtabliſhing, or carrying on, any Foreign Company, from, and after, the 24th Day of June, 1723, to be raiſed, formed, or erected, for Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, and from being intereſted in, or intitled to, any Share in the Stock, or Capital, of ſuch Foreign Company, under Forfeiture of all his, her, or their Intereſt, in the Capital, Principal, Stock, or Actions, of any ſuch Foreign Company, together with Treble the Value thereof.

And the Attorney-General is empowered to exhibit Bills of Complaint in the Court of Chancery, or Court of Exchequer, againſt ſuch Offenders, for the Diſcovery of ſuch Offence; which Diſcovery ſuch Offenders are obliged to make on the Attorney-General's waving in ſuch Bill, the ſaid Forfeiture of the Treble Value, and inſiſting only on the Single Value thereof; And in ſuch Caſe, the Single Value is to be decreed to be paid by ſuch Offender.

And that every Subject of His Majeſty accepting of any Truſt, or knowing of any Intereſt, Share, Part, Proportion, or Concern, which any other of His Majeſty's Subjects ſhall have, or be intitled to, in any ſuch Foreign Company; and who ſhall not, within Six Months, next after the Accepting ſuch Truſt, or coming to the Knowledge of ſuch Intereſt, Share, Proportion, or Concern, as aforeſaid, truly diſcover the ſame in Writing to the Eaſt-India Company, or their Court of Directors, ſhall forfeit Treble the Value of the Intereſt ſo accepted in Truſt, or ſo known and not diſcovered, as aforeſaid; and any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery, is intitled to a Moiety of the Forfeiture.

And

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And all His Majeſty's Subjects, (other than ſuch as are lawfully authorized thereunto,) going to, or found in the Eaſt-Indies, are declared guilty of a High Crime, and Miſdemeanor, and are made liable to Corporal Puniſhment, Impriſonment, or Fine, for the ſame, at the Diſcretion of ſuch of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, where the Proſecution for ſuch Offence ſhall be commenced.

And every Perſon ſo offending may be ſeized, and brought to England, and committed to Goal there, by any one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, until ſufficient Security be given by Natural-born Subjects or Denizens, to appear in the Court, where ſuch Proſecution ſhall be commenced, to anſwer the ſame, and not depart without Leave of the Court.

3d Geo. II. *Cap.* 14.] By an Act paſſed in the 3d Year of His preſent Majeſty, it is Enacted, That if any of His Majeſty's Subjects (other than the Eaſt-India Company, and thoſe licenſed by them) ſhall directly, or indirectly, go to, trade, or adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, every ſuch Offender ſhall incur the Forfeiture, and Loſs, of all the Ships, and Veſſels, employed in ſuch Voyage, Trade, or Adventure; and alſo all the Goods laden thereupon, or that were ſent to, acquired, traded, or adventured, within the Eaſt-Indies, and all the Proceed, and Effects, of the ſame, and Double the Value thereof.

Naples, Aug. 18. The Court having been informed, that two Brothers belonging to the Gang of Banditti that was lately diſperſed in the Province of Monteſoſco, had inliſted themſelves in one of the King's Regiments of Foot in Garriſon in the Fortreſs of Pizzo Falcone, gave Orders for their being immediately ſecured; and they were accordingly arreſted on the 6th Inſtant, and delivered to the Criminal Court, in order to their being brought to their deſerved Puniſhment. A few Days ago died the Duke of Miranda Caracciolo, greatly regretted for his Humanity and charitable Diſpoſition to the Poor.

Petersbourg, Aug. 19. The Court is daily expected here from Peterſhoff. On the 7th Inſtant the Empreſs went to Cronſtadt, and viewed the new Canal that is digging there by her Order, for the Paſſage of Men of War, with the Progreſs of which her Imperial Majeſty was ſo well pleaſed, that ſhe not only conferred the Honour of Knight of the Order of St. Andrew on Baron Lubras, under whoſe Directions that Work is carrying on, but likewiſe ordered a conſiderable Sum of Money to be left with him to be diſtributed amongſt the Workmen. The Governor of Moſcow has informed the Court, that ſince he had cauſed the chief Ringleaders of the late Diſturbances in the Villages round that City to be apprehended and puniſhed, thoſe Diſturbances were quite at an End, and the former Tranquillity entirely reſtored. Baron Pretlack, Ambaſſador from their Imperial Majeſties to this Court, has lately had ſeveral long Conferences with our Miniſtry, and particularly with the Great Chancellor Count Beſtucheff, in order, as 'tis ſaid, to prevent, if poſſible, the fatal Conſequences that may attend the late Changes in the Miniſtry at the Ottoman Court.

Florence, Aug. 25. Laſt Week the Prince de la Tour Taxis arrived in this City from Rome, on his Tour to the principal Cities of Italy. The Emperor, at the repeated Sollicitations of the Marquis du Chatelet, General of the Troops in Tuſcany, has granted him his Diſmiſſion, with a yearly Penſion of 4000 Florins, and a Penſion to Madam du Chatelet in Caſe ſhe ſhould out live him. Cardinal Spinola died on Monday laſt at Albano, aged 72, of an Apoplectick Fit; and the next Day his Corps was brought to this City, and having lain three Days in State, it was Yeſterday interred, with great Funeral Pomp, in the Church belonging to the Jeſuits. There are now fourteen Seats vacant in the Sacred College.

Rome, Aug. 26. The Pope, it is ſaid, deſigns ſoon to make a Promotion of Cardinals, in which his own Nuncio will be excluded, on Account of the Difficulty he is under with Regard to the Nuncios at the Courts of Naples and Turin. The Director of the Imperial Poſt in this City has given Notice to the Publick, that a regular Expedition of Letters is fixed twice a Month for Conſtantinople and other Places of Turkey; and that Letters for thoſe Parts will accordingly be received at the Poſt-Office at Milan on the reſpective Days expreſſed in the ſaid Notice.

Turin, Aug. 26. The Dutcheſs of Parma, who ſets out for Paris the 29th of this Month, being to paſs through Part of his Sardinian Majeſty's Dominions, the Spaniſh Ambaſſador has deſired that Orders may be given to have her Royal Highneſs properly received; and accordingly Baron Bloncy is appointed to meet her Royal Highneſs at Voghera, to receive and compliment her in the Name of his Sardinian Majeſty.

Warſaw, Aug. 28. Laſt Week the Nuncios appointed to aſſiſt at the General Diet of this Kingdom, on the Behalf of this City, were elected here with the greateſt Harmony; and by Advices from ſeveral Palatinates of this Kingdom we are informed, that they have been very ſucceſsful in the Choice of their Nuncios; only the Dietines of Rozan, Wyſzogrod and Dobriczin, having as yet proved unſucceſsful. By Letters from Witepski we have Advice, that on the 12th Inſtant a Fire broke out in the Church of the Dominicans in that City, which burnt with ſuch Violence, that the ſame was ſoon reduced to Aſhes, together with the Archives, the Convent, the Greek Church, and that of the Jeſuits; as alſo a great Number of Houſes, ſeveral of which, belonging to Noblemen and opulent Citizens, were very magnificent Buildings. The Jews Quarter was likewiſe greatly damaged,

damaged, many of whom, in endeavouring to ſave their Effects, had the Misfortune to periſh in the Flames.

Vienna, Aug. 30. By Letters from Conſtantinople of the 3d Inſtant we are informed, that the Imbrahor, or Great Treaſurer of the Ottoman Empire, who, ſince the Diſgrace and Exile of the late Grand Vizier, had executed the Functions of that High Office, was appointed Grand Vizier, to the great Diſappointment of the Janiſſaries, who flattered themſelves that the famous and warlike Baſhaw of Rhodes would doubtleſs have been named. We have received Advice from Madrid, that, in Conſequence of the late Treaty for eſtabliſhing the Peace of Italy, his Catholick Majeſty had declared his Intention of immediately renouncing, by a ſolemn Act, all the antient Pretenſions of the Crown of Spain to the Dutchy of Milan.

Dreſden, Sept. 3. On Monday laſt their Majeſties, accompanied by the Princes Charles and Xavier, ſet out from hence for Poland, with a numerous Retinue. This Morning the Counteſs Mniſzeck, Spouſe to the Grand Marſhal of the Court, was ſafely delivered of a Daughter, to whom 'tis ſaid the Princeſs Royal is to ſtand Godmother.

Hanover, Sept. 5. Yeſterday the Court was very numerous and extremely brilliant at Herrenhauſen, whither all the Nobility and Foreign Miniſters repaired in the Morning to wiſh his Majeſty a good Journey; and this Morning his Majeſty ſet out in perfect Health for the Gohrde. His Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle propoſes to take the ſame Route To-morrow Morning.

Berlin, Sept. 5. The King, accompanied by Prince Ferdinand of Brunſwick, and Prince Maurice of Anhalt Deſſau, arrived here on Tueſday Morning laſt from Potzdam, and having given ſome Audiences at the Palace, he went to Montbijou, and dined with the Queen Mother. The next Morning his Majeſty reviewed all the Regiments in this Garriſon, which were drawn out for that Purpoſe; and the Day following he ſet out, with a numerous Retinue, for Sileſia, in order to review the Regiments quartered in that Province.

Hambourg, Sept. 5. We are informed by Letters from Stockholm, that the Senators, Foreign Miniſters and principal Nobility, had all been to Drotningholm to complinment the King on his ſafe Return from Finland. We learn from Gothenbourg, that all the Merchandize lately brought from China, had ſold off at an exceeding good Price.

Hague, Sept. 12. They write from Dieren, that her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Royal and her Children continued there in perfect Health. The ſame Advices add, that in the Night between the 5th and 6th Inſtant, they had a moſt violent Storm of Wind and Rain, accompanied with Thunder and Lightning, which falling on the Houſe of a rich Farmer in that Neighbourhood, had entirely reduced the ſame to Aſhes, together with all his Barns of Corn and Hay, which makes his Loſs to be very conſiderable.

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IF there be any Perſons who have Demands on the Eſtate of Mr. Richard Molyneux, late of Mincin Lane, London, deceaſed, they are deſired to apply to Mr. Edward Harlee, Coachmaker in Holbourn, in order to be ſatisfied their reſpective Demands. And ſuch Perſons as ſtand indebted to the Eſtate of the ſaid Deceaſed, are required forthwith to pay what is due from them, the Surplus of the Eſtate being ſoon to be divided among the Relations as directed by the Will.

ALL Perſons to whom Mrs. Martha Field, who formerly kept the Cocoa Tree in Pallmall, was indebted at the Time of her Deceaſe, are deſired to ſend to Mr. John Pott, at the Black Boy in Gracechurch Street, an Account of their Demands at that Time, mentioning what Satisfaction they have ſince received, and from whom.

THE Creditors and Aſſignees under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt formerly awarded againſt John Hill Lea, now or late of Colman-Hill, in the Pariſh of Haleſowen and County of Worceſter, Scythesmith, are deſired to meet at the Houſe of Ellen Southwood, Widow, known by the Sign of the Talbott in Stowerbridge in the ſaid County of Worceſter, on Friday the 13th Day of October next, by Two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the ſame Day, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the further Proſecution of the ſaid Commiſſion, and conſider other Matters relating to the ſaid Bankrupt and his Eſtate.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued forth againſt Robert Maddock, late of the City of Cheſter, Linnendraper, (not having had a proper Account laid before them by the Aſſignees of the Eſtate and Effects of the ſaid Robert Maddock, on the Twenty-ninth Day of June laſt, ſo as to enable them then to make a final Dividend of his Eſtate and Effects, purſuant to their Advertiſement for that Purpoſe in the London Gazette of the Sixth Day of June laſt) do therefore intend to meet on the 17th Day of October next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Mrs. Elizabeth Fardell, known by the Name of the Roſe Tavern in the City of Cheſter, in order to make a final Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend.

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